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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, OSCI, MO

SUBJECT: DHEW/OHD/RSA/SFCP - PROJECT ON BLINDNESS,  
19-P-58229 .

REFERENCE: RABAT 6939

1. THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION HAS AGREED TO HOLD ABOVE NAMED PROJECT IN ACTIVE STATUS IN VIEW OF EMBASSY AND GOM REQUEST. HOPE MR. DOUMOU HAS RETURNED TO TUNIS AND HIS HEALTH HAS IMPROVED. RSA BELIEVES IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED FROM GOM AND OAPAM IF PROJECT IS TO REMAIN IN ACTIVE STATUS.

2. AS SUGGESTED IN EARLIER COMMUNICATION SPECIAL CONSULTANT(S) ON BLINDNESS (ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO) WILL BE SENT TO MOROCCO TO CONSULT WITH DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AND STAFF ON BLIND PROJECT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE. ONE OF THESE CONSULTANTS WILL PROBABLY BE MR. HAROLD RICHTERMAN, DIRECTOR, REHABILITATION  
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SERVICES DIVISION, NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND IN NEW YORK, WHO HAD BEEN TO MOROCCO IN 1974 AND KNOWS THE PROJECT AND SOME OF THE RELATED PROBLEMS. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY RSA TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ASSISTANCE TO THIS PROJECT IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO MOROCCO OFFICIALS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THIS INITIAL TEAM DR. MARTIN MCCAVITT

WHO IS THE PROJECT OFFICER WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME TO MOROCCO BY LATE SPRING TO FOLLOW-UP WITH CONSULTATION WITH GOM OFFICIALS AND PROJECT STAFF. OTHER STAFF WILL BE SENT AS INDICATED.

4. RSA WISHES TO KNOW WHEN SPECIAL CONSULTANTS SHOULD COME TO MOROCCO IN ORDER TO BE MOST HELPFUL. WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEM THERE BY LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. RSA APPRECIATES EMBASSY INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE.  
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